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Docket No.: 588.1016  
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In re application of: Juergen BENZ, et al.  
Serial No.: 10/791,432  
Filed: 03/02/2004  
For: METHOD FOR CONTROLLING A CLUTCH

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a **Response to Office Action (9 pages)** in the above-identified application.

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[ ] Petition for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136  
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- [X] Any petition fees for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 which are not paid by check submitted herewith, and it is hereby requested that this be a petition for an automatic extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136.

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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In response to the Office Action dated December 28, 2006, please reconsider the above-identified patent application based on the following: